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Thank you.

Gary J. Gershik

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This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action issued January 30, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the January 30, 2004 Final Office Action was due April 30, 2004. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time from April 30, 2004 to May 30, 2004. The required fee for the one-month extension of time is \$110.00 and a check including this amount is enclosed. However, because May 30, 2004 falls on a Sunday, and Monday, May 31, is a Federal holiday, this response filed Tuesday, June 1, 2004 shall be considered timely pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.7.

Please amend the subject application as follows: